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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed January 16, 2004 (Paper No. 1230), Applicant hereby provisionally elects claims 1-3 and 11-13 (Group I) for continued examination.

The Examiner has required restriction between Group I-II because they are directed to different methods regarding the critical limitations therein.


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